

Michael Azgour

Biography

Michael Azgour was born in California in 1979.

His paintings are expressive and geometric abstractions informed by a process that combines a strategic, realistic technique with pattern and repetition. Although the disparate visuals and juxtaposed compositions in his work appear random, they are bits of narrative from the artist's own life and travels. Michael splits his time between San Francisco and Poland as both painter and teacher.

Education

- 2005 MFA, Studio Art: Painting, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
- 2001 BA, Psychology, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA // Minor in Chemistry
- 2010-17 Stanford University, Continuing Studies, Stanford, CA
- 2000 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Solo Exhibitions// Selected

- 2020 Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA (upcoming: Feb 2020)
Gallery MAR Carmel, Carmel, CA (upcoming: Jan 2020)
- 2019 Muriel Guépin Gallery, *Pixels*, SoHo, New York, NY
GF Contemporary, *Perceptualism*, Santa Fe, NM
Slate Contemporary, Oakland, CA (two-person)
- 2018 Slate Contemporary, *Blurring the Lines*, Oakland, CA (two-person)
- 2017 Hohmann Fine Art, *Velocity*, Palm Desert, CA (catalogue)
Gold Gallery, *New Paintings*, Boston, MA (two-person)
- 2016 Małopolski Ogród Sztuki (MOS) Art Museum, *Velocity*, Krakow, Poland
- 2015 Hohmann Fine Art, *Modern Artefact*, Palm Desert, CA (catalogue)
- 2014 Blue Contemporary, *Racers*, Cambridge, UK

- 2013 Robert Green Fine Arts, *New Paintings*, Mill Valley, CA (two-person)
- 2012 Hohmann Fine Art, *Reoccurring Patterns*, Palm Desert, CA (catalogue)
- 2011 New Museum of Los Gatos (formerly Los Gatos Art Museum),
Metamorphosis, Los Gatos, CA
- 2009 William Merrill Gallery, *Recent Paintings*, Laguna Beach, CA
Caldwell Snyder Gallery, *Moments of Impermanence*, San Francisco, CA (two-person)
College of Marin, Emeritus Center, Kentfield, CA
- 2008 William Merrill Gallery, *Awakening*, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2007 Sharp Gallery, San Diego, CA
- 2006 Academy of Art University, MFA Final Show, San Francisco, CA

Group Exhibitions// Selected

- 2020 Art Market San Francisco, Represented by Muriel Guépin Gallery,
SoHo, New York, NY
- 2019 Seattle Art Fair, Represented by Muriel Guépin Gallery,
SoHo, New York, NY
Cologne Cultural Center, *5th 'Enter into Art' Traveling Exhibition*,
Cologne, Germany
Bonn City Library, *5th 'Enter into Art' Traveling Exhibition*, Bonn,
Germany
Claire Carino Contemporary, Featured Artist, Boston, MA
GF Contemporary, Featured Artist, Santa Fe, NM
Slate Contemporary, *Oakland Art Murmur*, Oakland, CA
Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- 2018 Triton Museum, *Salon at the Triton: 2D Art Competition & Exhibition*,
Santa Clara, CA
Claire Carino Contemporary, *Summer 2018*, Boston, MA
Whitney Modern, Los Gatos, CA
Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
GF Contemporary, Featured Artist, Santa Fe, NM

- Slate Contemporary, Oakland, CA
- 2017 New Museum of Los Gatos, *Abstracts from Life: Bay Area Figurative Past & Present*, Los Gatos, CA
(Exhibiting with Joan Brown, Richard Diebenkorn, Nathan Oliveira, Terry St. John, et al.)
- Art Palm Springs, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- GF Contemporary, *Summer Exhibition*, Santa Fe, NM
- Claire Carino Contemporary, Boston, MA
- Slate Contemporary, Oakland, CA
- Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- 2016 Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka, CA
- Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- Bluestone Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA
- Claire Carino Contemporary, Boston, MA
- Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England
- 2015 Art Silicon Valley Art Fair, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA)
- Art Palm Springs, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England
- Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- Bluestone Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA
- Allison McCrady Fine Art, Orinda, CA
- J GO Gallery, Park City, UT
- 2014 Highline Loft Gallery, *International Art Festival*, Chelsea, New York City, NY (Juried Show)
- Art Palm Springs, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- Than Mór Art Museum, Malom Gallery, Nyírac nád, Hungary
- Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- J GO Gallery, Park City, UT
- Allison McCrady Fine Art, Orinda, CA
- Bluestone Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA
- Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England

- Cambridge Contemporary Art Gallery, *Ride to Cambridge*, Cambridge, UK (Juried Show)
- 2013 Linus Gallery, *Men*, Pasadena, CA (Juried Show)
- Art Palm Springs, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- Cambridge City Art Fair, Represented by Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, UK)
- Bluestone Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA
- Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England
- Divan Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 Los Angeles Art Show, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA)
- John Natsoulas Gallery, *Lyrical Vision Beat Generation & Beyond*, Davis, CA
(Exhibiting with Dennis Hare, James Weeks, Jennifer Pochinski, Elmer Bischoff, et al.)
- Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- Masur Museum of Art, *49th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Monroe, LA (Juried Show, Awarded '3rd Place')
- McNabb Martin Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA
- Art Market San Francisco, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2011 Prince Street Gallery, *Fourth National Juried Exhibition*, New York City, NY (Juried Show)
- Art Market San Francisco, Represented by K Imperial Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
- Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, CA
- Palm Springs Art Museum, *Artist Council Fundraiser*, Palm Springs, CA
- K Imperial Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 Farmington Museum, *Gateway to Imagination: National Competition*, Farmington, NM (Juried Show)

- William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
 Hohmann Fine Art, *Gallery Artists*, Palm Desert, CA
 Pacific Art League, *Painting Only*, Palo Alto, CA (Juried Show)
 Rive Gauche Art Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2009 Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
 Caldwell Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA
 William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2008 BJ Spoke Gallery, *Expo 27*, Huntington, NY, (Juror: Marjorie Weinstein, Whitney Museum, NYC)
 William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2007 Artwork SF Gallery, *Mixed Messages*, San Francisco, CA (Juried Show, Awarded 'Best in Show')
 Palm Beach College, *3rd Annual Painting, Drawing & Printmaking Competition*, Lake Worth, FL
 Space Gallery, *Brick to Blue*, San Francisco, CA
 Issa Gallery, *Grand Opening Exhibition*, Houma, LA
 111 Minna Gallery, *Nondescript*, San Francisco, CA (Juried Show)
- 2006 A.G. Gallery, Krakow, Poland
 Signatura Gallery, Krakow, Poland
 20th Street Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 2005 Long Beach Arts, *Works on Paper*, Long Beach, CA (Juror: Ruth Weisberg, Dean of Fine Arts, USC)
- 2001 University of California at San Diego, *New Moon Exhibition*, La Jolla, CA

Public Art Projects

- 2020 Scripps Memorial Hospital, Encinitas, CA // Three paintings
- 2018 Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Stanford University, Stanford, CA // Three large paintings
- 2010 UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA // Three paintings
- 2009 Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA // Sculpture installation for six months

2006 Hotel Union Square, San Francisco, CA // Three large paintings

Distinctions

2019, 20 Arts Catalyst Grant, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

2012 Third Place, Masur Museum of Art, *49th Annual Juried Exhibition*,
Monroe, LA

2007 Best in Show, Artwork SF Gallery, *Mixed Messages*, San Francisco, CA

Bibliography // Selected

2019 "Abstract Realism," East Bay Express, September, Oakland, CA

"Michael Azgour: Perceptualism," Santa Fean Magazine,
August/September, p64, Santa Fe, NM

2018 "Digging Deep," Southwest Art Magazine, p91, December, Golden, CO

"Blurring the Lines," East Bay Express, February, Oakland, CA

2017 *Michael Azgour: Velocity*, Exhibition Catalogue, Hohmann Fine Art,
Palm Desert, CA

2016 "Michael Azgour," Fresh Paint Magazine, June Edition, London, UK

2015 *Michael Azgour: Modern Artefact*, Exhibition Catalogue, Hohmann
Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA

2014 "Into the Blue", Residence Magazine, London, UK

Arts & Culture, Cambridge Magazine, February Edition, Cambridge, UK

Continuing Studies Catalogue, Stanford University, Summer Edition,
Stanford, CA

2013 "Michael Azgour", Studio Visit Magazine, vol. 21, p12-13, Boston, MA

2012 *Michael Azgour*, Exhibition Catalogue, Hohmann Fine Art, Palm
Desert, CA

2011 *Continuing Studies Catalogue*, Stanford University, Summer Edition,
Stanford, CA

2010 *The Art of the Best of San Francisco*, San Francisco Weekly, vol. 29,
no17, p22, San Francisco, CA

2009 Image Reproduction, San Francisco Chronicle, Feb 8, pR-35, San
Francisco, CA

2007 Summer, Image Reproduction, ARTnews Magazine, p219, New York, NY

Presentations // Selected

- 2020 Presenter, The American University of Rome, Rome, Italy (upcoming)
Performer, Gallery MAR, Carmel, CA (upcoming)
Endless Summer, live painting performance and presentation
Presenter, College Art Association (CAA) 108th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (upcoming)
Building a Sustainable Career as an Artist, workshop
Instructor, Nueva High School, San Mateo, CA (upcoming)
Introduction to Drawing: Buildings in the Environment, short course for high school students
- 2019 Presenter, College Art Association (CAA) 107th Annual Conference, New York, NY
Art Entrepreneurship: Art School as a Foundation to a Sustainable Career
Presenter, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Concept and Process, presentation for mixed media students
- 2018 Presenter, College Art Association (CAA) 106th Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA
Building Relationships with Galleries for Artists, workshop
Presenter, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
Concept and Process, presentation for foundation students
- 2017 Presenter, TEDx Krakow, Krakow, Poland
Capturing Change: How Unfinished Artworks Invite Active Viewers, Mangha Art Museum
Presenter, Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts, Krakow, Poland
Professional Practices for Fine Artists, workshop at the university
Performer, Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
Velocity, live painting performance and presentation
- 2012 Presenter, Fairbanks Arts Association, Fairbanks, AK

Art and Inspiration, presentation at the 27th Annual 64th Parallel exhibition

Juror and Curator Experience // Selected

- 2018-20 Juror, College Art Association (CAA), *Artist Award for a Distinguished Body of Work*, New York, NY
- 2018 Juror, Pacific Art League, *Abstraction*, Palo Alto, CA
- 2016 Juror, Marin Society of Artists, *National Show*, San Rafael, CA
- 2012 Juror, Fairbanks Arts Association, *27th Annual 64th Parallel Art Exhibition*, Fairbanks, AK
- 2010 Juror, Pacific Art League, *Figures & Faces*, Palo Alto, CA
- 2009 Juror, Las Positas College, *31st Annual Spring Art Festival*, Livermore, CA
- 2006 Curator, Bazaar Café, *Twelve Monthly Exhibitions*, San Francisco, CA
- 2001 Curator and Producer, University of California San Diego, *New Moon Exhibition*, La Jolla, CA

Conference Activity

- 2020 College Art Association (CAA), 108th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (upcoming)
Presenter, *Building a Sustainable Career as an Artist*, workshop
Juror, *Artist Award for a Distinguished Body of Work*
- 2019 College Art Association (CAA), 107th Annual Conference, New York, NY
Presenter, *Art Entrepreneurship: Art School as a Foundation to a Sustainable Career*, panel
Juror, *Artist Award for a Distinguished Body of Work*
- 2018 College Art Association (CAA), 106th Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA
Presenter, *Building Relationships with Galleries for Artists*, workshop
Juror, *Artist Award for a Distinguished Body of Work*

Teaching Experience // Selected

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford, CA

2010-Present Lecturer, Architectural Design

2010-Present Instructor, Continuing Studies

2010-12 Lecturer, Symbolic Systems

ART INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA, Sunnyvale, CA

2010-14 Lecturer, Foundations and Graphic & Web Design

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY, San Francisco, CA

2007-09 Directed Studies Advisor, Graduate School of Fine Arts

2007-09 Review Committee Member, Graduate School of Fine Arts

SAN FRANCISCO ART INSTITUTE, San Francisco, CA

2013-15 Instructor, Public Education

COLLEGE OF MARIN, Kentfield, CA

2008-14 Instructor, Community Education

Public and Private Collections

Hotel Union Square, San Francisco, CA

Langendorf Foundation, benefitting the San Francisco General

Hospital, San Francisco, CA

Lyon's Gate Entertainment Corporation, Los Angeles, CA

Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University, Stanford, CA (in progress)

Scripps Memorial Hospital, Encinitas, CA (in progress)

Than Mór Art Museum, Nyírac nád, Hungary

UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA